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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER FACTS FAX

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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET, US Grade A, Week Ending 27-Dec-02

DATE	PRODUCTION (000)	ICE-PACKED, MULTI-DROP, IMMEDIATE DELIVERY			
	<u>Actual Slaughter</u>	<u>Live Weight</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Weighted Price</u>	<u># of Boxes</u>
12/23	2,424	5.06	47-66	55.14	8,125
12-24	1,042	4.99	46-64	54.90	9,326
12-25	Holiday	Holiday	Holiday	Holiday	Holiday
12-26	2,332	5.11	50-65	55.03	5,809
12-27	3,446	5.31	51-67	57.60	7,720
Weekly	9,243	5.16	Cumulative:	55.66	30,980

NEGOTIATED TRADING, USDA GRADE A WHOLE ICE-PACKED, Week of 30-Dec-02

Weighted Averages for:	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
New York	55.22	52.29	47.57
Chicago	52.46	48.49	48.36
Detroit	51.69	48.83	49.30
Los Angeles	66.04	65.94	65.65
12-City Composite	58.22	57.12	55.66

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Ice-Packed, Delivered first receivers, pool and trucklot volumes, cents per pound, Week Ending 27-Dec-02

	<u>Weekly Weighted Average Price</u>	<u>Total Volume/Pounds</u>
Breast - B/S	127.02	1,286,930
Tenderloins	110.25	319,750
Breast - With Ribs	68.48	646,880
Breast - Line Run	64.18	494,280
Legs	29.60	916,820
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	17.77	1,635,348
Drumsticks	26.95	408,960
Thighs	31.41	201,350
B/S Thighs	61.71	276,050
Wings (Whole)	53.04	526,790

(Includes NY City metro area, RI, Northern NJ, MA, CT, PA (NE of Harrisburg))

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED (000), Week Ending 21-Dec-02

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>	<u>10-Weeks Prior</u>	<u>7-Weeks Prior</u>
Eggs Set	200,669	203,843	208,836	192,103	189,806
Chicks Placed	163,911	162,745	170,266	153,824	155,109

SLAUGHTER OF YOUNG CHICKENS UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, W/E 21-DEC-02

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
Head (000)	152,854	154,894	159,450
Average Live Weight	5.07	5.09	4.95
To Date 2002 (000)	7,878,649	7,725,795	-----
To Date 2001 (000)	7,834,427	7,674,977	-----

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE: Total frozen poultry supplies on 11/30/02 were down 24% from last month but were 19% above last year's level. Total stocks of chicken were down 8% from last month but were 16% above last year. Total pounds of turkeys in freezers decreased 47% from last month but were 27% above last year.

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